

# Hawaii MARINE

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## Marine Corps stays behind V-22 program

**Headquarters,  
U.S. Marine Corps**  
*Press Release*

*Statement by General James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, in Response to V-22 Panel's Public Deliberation*

The Independent V-22 Review Panel conducted an extremely comprehensive review of the Osprey Program, and I appreciate the panel members' dedication in taking on this important task.

I share the panel's concern about the V-22's maintainability, reliability and funding. The panel gave each of these issues careful consideration, and we will be looking very closely at recommendations made in the panel's final report.

It is clear from the panel's review that the Marines assigned to the training squadron (Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron (VMMT 204)) faced some very difficult circumstances as they worked to introduce the Osprey into the Marine Corps.

Although there are many issues to be resolved, I am encouraged by the panel's recommendation to pursue further development and fielding of the V-22. This is a capability our nation needs to meet the operational requirements of the 21st century.

I look forward to discussing the program with the Secretary of Defense after he has had an opportunity to review the panel's report.



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**An MV-22 takes to the skies during test flights by Bell Helicopters, the aircraft's manufacturer.**



Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

**Chief Warrant Officer 3 Alexander K. Gray, officer-in-charge, Marine Forces Pacific Band, presents the band to the audience at the beginning of the Spring Concert at the Base Theater Saturday.**

## Band starts Spring with a bang

**Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Patriotic songs, television theme music and popular tunes could be heard echoing throughout the area around the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Base Theater Saturday as the Marine Forces Pacific Band began the Spring season with its annual Spring Concert.

The concert was a chance for the band to showcase its talent in front of more than 100 guests and offered an evening of entertainment to servicemembers and civilians alike.

The concert featured such patriotic music as "A Marine's Fanfare", "Armed Forces '72" and "The Liberty Bell."

The band also took the crowd for a trip down movie memory lane with "The Movies", a medley of many famous movie and television theme songs from the early days of television right up to today.

The band also paid tribute to the musical scores of Disney movies with "Disney at the Movies", which included more than a dozen classic Disney songs from

movies such as The Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, and Aladdin. The concert also featured the vocal stylings of Cpl. Robert Davies, a trumpet player and vocalist with the band; Sgt. Victoria Cronsell, a clarinetist and vocalist with the band; and Cynthia Romero, the featured singer of Salsa Hawaii.

Davies struck an emotional chord with his rendition of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." Cronsell took a journey with Dorothy, Toto, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion as she belted out the movie classic "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from the Wizard of Oz.

Romero, the featured performer, sang a variety of popular tunes including "Smooth Operator", "Almost Like Being in Love" and "All of Me."

"The concert was great," said Megan Dotson, a civilian who attended the concert. "Before the show, I only thought of marches when I thought of the Marine Corps Band."

Following the concert, the audience spent some time with the band showering praise and expressing gratitude for the band's performance.

## CSSD-79 leaves Hawaiian islands for 'Cobra Gold 2001'

**Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.**  
*Combat Correspondent*

The last group of Marines from Combat Service Support Detachment 79 left yesterday for Thailand where they will participate in Cobra Gold 2001 until the middle of June.

When they arrive at the Royal Thailand Marine Corps Base at Camp Samaesan, they will join the advance party that left earlier this month and bring the total number of CSSD-79 Marines and Sailors to more than 300. The detachment

will support all Marine forces from 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, which is the command element of the exercise.

"Our mission is to conduct throughput operations, base camp life support, and to provide direct and general combat support to forces operating in the vicinity of Samaesan," said Capt. Todd A. Fujimoto, executive officer of CSSD-79. "Some of our basic tasks will be to establish and operate a joint task force arrival and departure center, maintain an airfield control group at the Royal Thai Naval Air Base Utapao, and estab-

lish a joint task force for port operation group at Chuksamet port."

Not only will CSSD-79 be providing support to Marine forces in the area, but they will also be conducting exercise related construction projects that will help the Royal Thailand Marine Corps, and the local community.

"We're going to do some road repair up in the training areas, and build a classroom for military training on Camp Samaesan," said Fujimoto. "The chaplain also has arranged to do some community relations work out in town as well."

For many of the Marines of

CSSD-79, Cobra Gold will be the first time they have conducted exercises outside of the United States, according to Fujimoto.

"A lot of these Marines have never deployed to a different country and applied their skills in a foreign environment," said Fujimoto. "So this is a fantastic opportunity to train with another country's military. Not only will the Marines learn more about their own trade, they will have a chance to train another country's military servicemembers."

Port operations, construction and transportation techniques are just

some of the inter-military training being conducted by the Marines and their Thai counterparts.

In preparation for Cobra Gold 2001, the goal of CSSD-79 command was to ensure the success of the mission. Therefore, many of the Marines considered to be solid performers at their jobs were chosen for the exercise.

"I think we have a very robust and talented CSSD," said Fujimoto. "We're taking the above average and stellar Marines who have proven through solid performance that they deserve to go to this exercise."

## Marines pitch in during 'Kokua'

**Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible**  
*Combat Correspondent*

**KAILUA** – More than 30 Marines from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay volunteered to join a massive beach cleanup effort April 23 at what some consider to be one of the world's most beautiful beaches.

The cleanup at Kailua Beach Park, coordinated by Rep. David Pendleton, State House of Representatives, was a two-hour project encompassing the entire length of Kailua Beach, from Lanikai almost all the way to the Mokapu Peninsula.

Hundreds of community members joined the Marines in their quest to beautify the beaches of Kailua.

Volunteers were dispersed along the beach and assigned areas of responsibility to clean.

Volunteers spent the two hours walking back and forth picking up litter, raking sand and moving vegetation from highly populated areas of the beach.

Upon their return to the starting point, the Marines were excited to see dozens of pizza boxes and a cooler full of fruit juices waiting to replenish the energies spent improving the environment.

The Marines were not only rewarded with food, they were showered with thanks from Pendleton.

"The Marines have come out four years in a row and we really appreciate the stuff they do," said Pendleton. "They always come out in force and really help us pull this off."

"The Marines really deserve a big "Mahalo." They work all

the time and I am sure there are other things they could be doing on a Sunday," he commented. "It goes to show the patriotism of the Marines, they go above and beyond the call of duty to help our community."

Marines also enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to give back to the community that plays host to them.

"I like the beach and I come here quite often, so I thought it would be great to help clean it up," said Pfc. Beau D. Brenneis, an accounting technician with Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii.

Beach visitors at Kailua Beach Park can now appreciate a clean, unmarred beach thanks to the help of the Marines and civilians who participated in the annual Kailua Beach Park Cleanup.



Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

**Pfc. Beau D. Brenneis, an accounting technician with Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, reaches down to grab a piece of trash littering the sand at Kailua Beach Park during the annual beach cleanup Sunday.**



MCBH NEWS  
BRIEFS

KARAOKE CONTEST

A karaoke contest will be held as part of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week. The preliminary contest will be held May 3 at Tun Tavern in the Windward Enlisted Club aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay beginning at 8 p.m. The contest finals will be held at Bishop Museum May 20 from noon to 2 p.m. as part of the museum's "Family Sunday/Military Day" festivities. For more information, contact Lisa Thomas, the E-Club manager at 254-7660, or Araceli Tezuka of K-Bay catering, at 257-0905.

HABILITAT NEEDS HELP

Habilitat, a non-profit, non-sectarian substance abuse treatment program, is seeking donations of camouflage utility trousers for their work crews. For information about making individual or unit donations, contact Staff Sgt. Sean Flanary at 257-8824.

RECON MARINES WANTED

Currently 4th Force Reconnaissance Co. aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is in search of Marines to fill its ranks. Marines of all military occupational specialties are welcome, but must be willing to change their current MOS to one in the infantry or intelligence occupational fields. Any Marines (enlisted or officer) leaving active duty status and desiring to enter the reserves should contact Staff Sgt. Gerald Rohn at 257-2758 or 257-1077, ext. 221.

CPR TRAINING

The American Heart Association of Hawaii is seeking volunteers for their free CPR training event being held Sunday from 8 to 3 p.m. Volunteers would be needed from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the University of Hawaii Campus Center. People interested in volunteering should call 538-7021, ext. 31.

JAPANESE WIVES CLUB

The Japanese Wives club meets once a month at the Armed Services YMCA aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. For more information, call Hiroko Hagen at 239-2308.

WINDWARD HALF-MARATHON

The Windward Marathon Association presents the Windward Half-Marathon May 20. This event is comprised of four races: a 13.1-mile half-marathon, which begins at 6 a.m., a 5K, which begins at 6:30 a.m., 400-yard race for 6-8-year-olds, which begins at 8 a.m. and a 100 yard race for 3-5-year-olds, which begins at 8:15 a.m. Entry fee for entering the 400 and 100 yard races is \$10 each; \$13 for 5K entrants, and \$20 for the half-marathon. Entries must be postmarked by May 13 — a \$5 late fee will be added thereafter. For more information, contact 1st Sgt. Patrick Dougherty at 257-5900.

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== SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER ==  
Senior enlisted ranks hold equal importance

Sgt. Maj.  
**Stephen H. Mellinger**  
*MarForPac Sergeant Major*

**CAMP H.M. SMITH** — Every now and then I hear of a power struggle between some SgtMaj/1stSgt (9999 billet) and a Master Gunnery Sgt./Master Sgt. These little rifts between the upper-enlisted probably have been going on from the day the Corps first split the two pay grades. One might say it's an identity crisis between these four ranks. Quite honestly, I think we (9999 community) have more of an identity crisis in the matter than our counterparts. I've learned from personal experiences to view Master Gunnery Sgt./Master Sgt. as the Corps' "duty experts" technically, and 9999's more like "jacks of many Marine trades, but masters of none."



Mellinger

I will admit that as a young first sergeant I too was caught up in such discussions. To be honest, my prejudicial attitude began once I decided, as a gunny, to go the 9999 path, rather than remain in my MOS. I felt that first sergeants and sergeants major were more important to our beloved Corps as leaders. The fact of the matter is both

sides of our E-9/E-8 ranks are equally vital to the success of any command. However, I again had to learn the hard way that one was not more important than the other. As a just-promoted first sergeant, I reported to my new command just "full of myself," thinking about how I was now "The Man!" Checking in, I learned there were five master gunnies in our unit. "No problem," I told myself. After all, my billet was "senior" to any master gunny billet, so that made me "boss hog!" I held that thought until I had the pleasure of meeting Master Gunnery Sgt. Johnson. My first Staff NCO PME, I started things off by announcing that I was the "new sheriff" in town, and that I was there to lay down the law on how things were going to be run from now on. The next morning Master Gunnery

Sgt. Johnson sent me a pleasant invitation to visit him. I made a point to drop by his office that afternoon. In the first few minutes of my visit, I learned a lot about Master Gunnery Sgt. Johnson. In a quiet, yet direct, tone of voice he informed me that he had fought in Korea during 1950 and 1951 (five years before I was born). Standing nose to nose, burning holes in my eyeballs with his, he subtly made me aware that he had more than 30 years active service and more time-in-grade than I had time-in-service. I can tell you at this point, in this one-sided conversation, I knew that if I was the "sheriff," Master Gunnery Sgt. Johnson had to be the "mayor!" Before he dismissed me from his office, he left me with one great piece of advice. His advice to me was not to

forget this little visit with him. He told me that if I ever forgot my relationship to him (as a Marine), if I ever forgot any of this conversation, he would not hesitate introducing his boot to my backside (to put it mildly)! After assisting me with an attitude adjustment, that crusty old Marine spent the next couple of years supporting me 100 percent and teaching me how to be an effective 9999. He showed me the importance of senior enlisted working as one unit in harmony, regardless of rank, title or billet. Above all, he taught me that having a mutual respect for each other's billet and rank was paramount to accomplish any mission. All of you younger Marines may be asking yourself, "What's this 'clash of the enlisted titans' have to do with me?" The answer is that misperceptions and stereotypes concerning our four elite enlisted grades could make our Corps less effective as a team. This type of stereotyping could mislead potential command leaders (each of you) from choosing a career as a 9999. And likewise, it could cause some needed technical Marines to leave their technical billet, thinking that to be a "real" Marine leader you have to be a 9999. Every Marine has strengths and weaknesses, regardless of rank, title or billet. A true Marine leader is one that can make use of others' strengths, no matter if their position is junior, senior or equal. Semper Fi.

*“Standing nose to nose ... he subtly made me aware that he had more than 30 years active service and more time in grade than I had time-in-service.”*

Sgt. Maj. Stephen H.  
Mellinger,  
*MarForPac Sergeant Major*

MCCS' top employee honored



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Colonel John A. Lemoine, deputy commander, MCB Hawaii, awards James Gardner, Transition Assistance Program manager for Personal Services, with the Marine Corps Community Service Employee of the Year Award Monday afternoon. "I can't take credit for this award without acknowledging my fellow co-workers and the fact that I truly enjoy going to work and doing my job," Gardner said.

Hale Koa Hotel to hold Military Appreciation luau

Hale Koa Hotel  
*Press Release*

To celebrate military Appreciation Week in Hawaii, the Hale Koa Hotel presents a "Salute to the Military" Luau with special discounted prices for military personnel and their families. Ticket price includes the show, dinner, gratuity and one exotic cocktail or two standard drinks. Ticket sales began April 17. Tickets are available at the hotel's Activities Desk, or by phone at 955-0555, extension 546. Those in attendance at the May 21 luau can register to win a trip for two to the Big Island, including airfare and two nights stay at Kilauea Military Camp, in the heart of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Hosted by Hawaii's Danny Couch, the impressive dinner show includes his stirring performance of his award-winning song, "These Islands," an authentic imu (underground oven) ceremony that deliciously cooks the pig, beautiful Polynesian hula, and music. A fire knife dance will light the stage, and those who serve our country in the military will receive special recognition. In addition to the Big Island trip, a special gift of Hawaiian chocolate-covered macadamia nuts will be presented to those in attendance. The traditional luau menu of fresh fruits, lomi lomi salmon, shoyu chicken, teriyaki beef, mahi mahi, kalua pork, haupi, coconut cake and poi, will be served

as a sit-down dinner. The luau will be in the hotel's lush Luau Garden, which provides the perfect setting for an evening under the stars. Cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m., and the imu ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. The 15th annual Military Appreciation week in Hawaii is May 17-26. During this time, the Chamber of Commerce joins forces with local businesses to offer a variety of special events in recognition of military personnel. For more information about the luau and other events scheduled at the Hale Koa Hotel, contact the Armed Forces Recreation Center at 955-0555. For a complete list of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week events, see page A-5.



## PT, PT Everyday ...



Sgt. Robert Carlson

A platoon from Sergeant's Course 3-01 trample through a mud puddle as they run along the shores of the Mokapu Peninsula during a physical training session.

## Daily 16 builds bodies the Marine Corps way

**Sgt. Robert Carlson**  
Press Chief

Building your body the Marine Corps way doesn't have to mean training everyday, but it does require a good plan.

The MCB Hawaii Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy teaches leaders to implement a solid physical training program based on the Marine Corps Order and directives which are aimed at improving the fitness of every Marine.

According to the Marine Corps Manual, every Marine must be physically fit, regardless of age, grade, or duty assignment. Not many Marines would argue that point, but not many aboard MCB Hawaii follow the Marine Corps standard.

"It would be nice if the whole base was on the same program," said GySgt. Robert A. Phillips, staff noncommissioned officer in charge at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Staff NCO Academy. "It seems the only Marines who are following the Marine Corps standards are the leaders who have attended a resident course at the Academy, and the recruits at the Marine Corps Recruit depots."

The Marine Corps standards Phillips mentioned are spelled out in Marine Corps Order 6100.3J. It, along with the Field Manual Fitness Reference Publication (FM-FRP 0-1B), the Army Field Manual on Physical Fitness (FM 21-20), and the guidelines for the Semper Fit 2000 program, describe the "Marine Corps way" to build bodies.

The "Daily 16" as the program is known, encompasses all aspects of conducting physical training, and when properly employed, will increase physical fitness and reduce injuries.

The requirements for physical fitness in the Marine Corps are that every Marine will receive a minimum of three hours of physical fitness training per week, be tested semiannually with a physical fitness test, and obtain a minimum score of third class on the test.

Three hours per week – minimum. It's a straight-forward requirement, but one that leaves the activities that fill up that PT time up to the individual Marine or to the small unit leaders. Some Marines run three days a week, others go to the gym and lift weights three times a week. Both satisfy the requirement, but result in very different levels of fitness.

The Staff NCO Academy trains leaders to employ a program that will not only satisfy the requirements, but will result in the desired end state – physically fit Marines.

Drawing from the same resources and manuals available to every Marine, the instructors at the Academy train students in the four different programs designed to meet the physical fitness needs of Marines. They also stress the importance of the Daily 16.

Developmental, maintenance, leadership, and remedial programs can be tailored to fit the needs of units depending on their mission, organization and current state of fitness.

The developmental program works best for Marines who are new to the Corps, or who are in a poor state of physical readiness.

An example of this type of program is the training at the recruit depots. They should be progressive programs designed to increase strength, endurance, and character traits essential to the accomplishment of their mission.

The maintenance program is designed to keep up a current level of fitness. This is the most common type of program in the Marine Corps, and does not challenge

Marines to improve once they've reached an acceptable level of fitness.

The purpose of the leadership development program is to train small-unit leaders to conduct physical fitness training at their units.

This is the program the students at the Staff NCO Academy participate in.

The remedial program, the fourth type of training, focuses on individuals who possess substandard fitness, are over their maximum weight, or are out of regulations in regard to military appearance standards. A remedial program can also be implemented for Marines who have been away from their units for extended periods of time due to injury, illness, or leave.

The Staff NCO Academy instructors emphasize that a remedial program should be in addition to a unit's regularly-schedule training sessions, and not in place of it.

Once an appropriate program has been started, it's important to conduct training in a manner that improves performance while reducing the risk of injury.

Physical fitness training should never get in the way of a unit performing its mission.

Exercises which prevent injury include slow joint rotations and running or walking in place.

Once the blood flow and temperature have been increased, and the joints are loose and lubricated, slow, static stretching will loosen up muscles and tendons so they can achieve greater ranges of motion with less chance of injury.

Stretches should focus on the muscle groups or body parts which will be used most during the scheduled training session of the day.

Calisthenics will serve to increase the intensity level before the actual activity or conditioning begins.

Cool down exercises are just as important as warm ups, and help Marines gradually taper off their training before stopping completely.

Stretches used during the warm up period work well for cooling down too.

For the meat of the physical training session, leaders can do any number of activities which will serve the purpose of conditioning their Marines.

The Staff NCO Academy teaches students numerous ways to improve their unit's readiness and provide variety to a PT session.

Confidence courses, obstacle courses, rifle drills, and several other forms of military-specific training not only increase physical readiness, they also provide a welcome change to running.

Circuit courses can promote fitness in the entire body, or in one specific area. They can be incorporated into a run, or can be done in a fixed location.

Circuit courses can be designed around time limits, or number of repetitions, and leaders can tailor their programs to provide exercise to Marines at intensities which best suit their level of fitness.

Whatever the program a unit employs, the goal is to have every Marine combat ready, regardless of duty assignment. Physical fitness is an indispensable aspect of leadership, according to the Marine Corps Order, and the habits of self-discipline required to maintain a high level of physical fitness are inherent to the Marine Corps way of life.

"In order to standardize the conduct of physical fitness training throughout MCB Hawaii, all commands should be doing the Daily 16," said 1st Sgt. Michael S. Timmerman, director, Staff NCO Academy. "Marine Corps units here should strive to mirror the MCRD and Staff NCO Academy PT program so that consistency prevails."

### Warm Ups



**Neck Rotation**



**Arm Rotation**



**Hip Rotation**



**Knee and Ankle Rotation**



**Hip and Back Stretch**



**Calf Stretch**

## WORD ON THE STREET

*What is your unit's current physical training program?*



"We run just about every day and Tuesday and Thursday we do pool PT because we have some Marines who don't swim well."

**Lance Cpl. Lavele D. Grant**  
Machinegunner  
India Co., 3/3

"Monday, Wednesday and Friday we do our daily 16 then go on about a 6-mile run."

**Cpl. Jared M. Rains**  
Radio repair technician  
Maintenance Co.,  
CSSG-3



"The unit has a well rounded PT program. The commanding officer and training section makes sure of that by ensuring that Marines make the new five-hour minimum on their own."

**Master Sgt. Douglas A. Harding**  
Logistics officer  
HMT-301



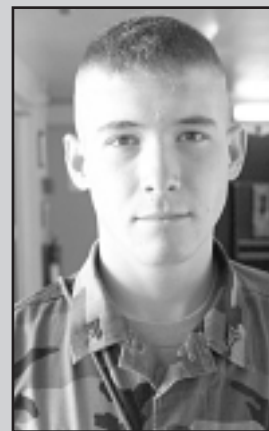
"My section does a daily seven and runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

**Cpl. Garry E. Osborne**  
Disbursing clerk  
HQBn., MCB  
Hawaii



"We do the daily seven and go on a run pretty much every morning. Some mornings we will play sports or do something fun."

**Cpl. Mike B. Lawson**  
Machinegunner  
Bravo Co., 1/3



"My section has a set schedule — we run an average of four to five miles a day four or five times a week."

**Cpl. Leavomn Dy**  
Crash Crewman  
ARFF, MCAF





# Marines’ volunteer network staffs Special Olympics

**Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible**  
*Combat Correspondent*

When Special Olympics Hawaii planners schedule an event, they know they will need a lot of volunteer support to make it happen — and they know where to look to get it.

The Special Olympics looks to 1st Sgt. Dorsey E. Roberts, 4th Force Reconnaissance Company first sergeant, who has developed a strong volunteer e-mail network with more than 600 members.

“I was struggling to get volunteers for Special Olympics events,” said Roberts, who has also been the director of the Windward Oahu Special Olympics Chapter for five years. “I was on the phone for hours, looking for support, when I realized I wasn’t using e-mail to its full capability. I decided to stop calling for volunteers and concentrated on e-mail correspondence.”

Roberts’ e-mail volunteer network has now grown faster than he imagined, with the majority of members from Marine and Navy ranks.

“A lot of senior enlisted personnel and officers are very willing to help,” said Roberts. “I forwarded them the e-mail I wrote, requesting volunteers, and they forwarded it down their chains of command. People responded.”

The network also helps to assure Roberts of the seriousness of responses.

“If I send an e-mail to the whole base, some people might say they are coming and not show up,” stated Roberts. “All of the people on my list asked to be on it, that’s how I know if they say they’ll come, they will.”

The volunteer effort is also much appreciated by the staff at Special Olympics.

“Without the Marine support, we wouldn’t be able to run events because we rely on volunteers,” said Dan Epstein, Hawaii Special Olympics sports director. “Without Marines, Special Olympics events in Hawaii wouldn’t happen.”

Marines also reap benefits from volunteering with the Special Olympics — good feelings abound.

“It’s fun. It is a great way to spend the day, helping out, doing what I can,” said Lance Cpl. Carlos Montez, a cryptologic technician with 1st Radio Bn. “I think this is one of those standards Marines should uphold — going out and helping the communities around them.”

With an organization that runs almost entirely on volunteers, the Special Olympics needs to know where to get help. Thanks to the effort of Roberts and the volunteers on his network, Special Olympics Hawaii has a virtually endless supply of workers at the click of a mouse.



Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert

**Trevor Bierwert prepares before a race April 14 in a Special Olympics Hawaii swim competition at the Kailua District Park Pool. Marines and Sailors from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay and Marine Forces Pacific at Camp Smith were major contributors to the all-volunteer work force.**

## Marines, Sailors aid Olympic events

**Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert**  
*MarForPac Public Affairs*

**KAILUA**— Marine and Sailor volunteers lent Special Olympics Hawaii a helping hand at the Kailua District Park Pool here April 14, as athletes went head-to-head in preparation for statewide competition.

While athletes competed in more than 20 different categories, swimming different strokes at the 15-, 25-, 50-, 100- and 200-yard distances, Marines and Sailors assisted with event set-up, timekeeping, and awards presentations while giving smiles and support to the competitors.

“Without the Marines’ support, we simply would not be able to run events such as these,” commented State Special Olympic Sports Director, Dan Epstein.

Epstein has been active with the organization for eight years, holding the Sports Director chair for seven.

“The nature of Special Olympics relies on volunteer support,” Epstein continued. “Servicemembers such as Marines play an integral role by donating their valuable time to help us out.”

Many of the military volunteers are recruited by 1st Sgt. Dorsey Roberts, the first sergeant for 4th Force Reconnaissance Company at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Roberts has played an active role in Special Olympics Hawaii for five years and is currently Area Director of Windward Special Olympics.

“About 5 years ago, a local volunteer invited me to participate,” Roberts reflected. “I’ve been hooked ever since.”

Experienced at procuring helping hands, Roberts has found that the Marine Corps is a fount of hard-working volunteers.

“The majority of our volunteers come from K-Bay,” Roberts said. “The

Marines there can really be counted on to do a good job and are always a key factor in making the event successful.”

According to Roberts, many of the military helpers are young enlisted that have never participated before.

One such Marine, Cpl. John Hartline, a Defense Message System administrator for the G-6 section of Marine Forces Pacific at Camp H.M. Smith, noted that aiding Special Olympics Hawaii was a natural progression from the Boy Scout volunteering he did as a child.

“This event has been a great experience,” the Connecticut native described. “We’ve had a lot of fun. Each volunteer’s role is really appreciated — not only by the coordinators, but by the athletes as well.”

These sentiments were reflected in the cheers and smiles the Marines and Sailors

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MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

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*Month of May*

Military Month (discounted tickets for military at Atlantis Submarines, Sea Life Park, Waimea Falls Park and USS Missouri)

*May 3, 8 p.m.*

MCB Hawaii Karaoke Preliminary Contest  
Tun Tavern, Enlisted Club POCs: Ms. Thomas, 257-7660; Ms. Tezuka, 254-0905)

*May 12, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.*

Military Night at Paradise Cove Luau (discounted tickets for military)

*15 May, Time TBA*

Armed Services YMCA “Five Star Salute” (ceremony at the Mayor’s Office; by invitation)

*May 17, 6 p.m.*

Opening Ceremony at USS Missouri Battleship Memorial, Pearl Harbor (dockside, Ford Island)  
Ceremony open to the public; VIP reception to follow aboard USS Missouri

*May 19, 7:30 a.m.*

5th Annual 1stMAW/ASE Triathlon/Duathlon at MCB Hawaii KBay. Both events open to military and civilian athletes; public welcome to observe, visit static displays of aircraft and equipment

*9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

“A Capital Day Down Capitol Way” (free tours of State Capitol, I’olani Palace, other historic buildings; downtown Honolulu)



Hale Koa Photo

**A hula dancer performs during a Hale Koa luau. The Hale Koa Armed Forces Recreation Center is holding its annual Military Appreciation Luau Dinner Show May 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

*10 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

“Living History Day” at Hawaii Army Museum, Ft. DeRussy (near Hale Koa Hotel, downtown Honolulu)

*7 p.m. - 9 p.m.*

Combined Military Band Concert at Hawaii Theatre (1130 Bethel St., Honolulu)  
Pre-concert VIP reception at Indigo Restaurant (1121 Nuuanu Ave., Suite 105; one block from Bethel St.; 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)  
MarForPac Band to host; concert honors the USO  
Seating: first-come, first-seated rule applies (doors open at 6:30; seats held only until 6:45)  
Free tickets available (see PACOM website for ticket information)

*5 p.m. - 10 p.m.*

Military Night at the Polynesian Cultural Center (in Laie; discounted tickets for military)

*May 20, 6 a.m. - 9 a.m.*

Windward Half-Marathon/5K Run (both events open to military and civilian athletes; volunteers requested)  
Half-Marathon/5k starts at Enchanted Lake Elementary  
School Children’s events begin at 8 a.m.

*9 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

Family Sunday Island Style-Military Day at Bishop Museum Free admission w/special coupons; reduced cost tickets also available (see PACOM website for ticket information) Karaoke Finals Competition (noon - 2 p.m.)

*May 21, 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.*

Military Night at Hale Koa Luau Dinner Show (discounted tickets for military)

*May 23, noon - 1:15 p.m.*

Annual Recognition Luncheon, Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel (Coral Ballroom)

*May 26*

Military Day (at Border’s Books & Music, Ward Center & Waikale; discounted prices for military)

Additional info on HMAW is available on the Web at [www.pacom.mil/staff/maw/index.html](http://www.pacom.mil/staff/maw/index.html), or by calling MCB Hawaii PAO Community Relations, at 257-8840.

Logon to <http://www.pacom.mil> for more information.



# MarForPac Marines set stage for Korean exercise

**Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete**  
*MarForPac Public Affairs*

**CAMP COINER, YONGSAN ARMY GARRISON, Republic of Korea** — Eleven Marines from Marine Forces Pacific finished final preparations for an upcoming exercise here Thursday after two weeks of work as part of the coordination element.

The Marines were responsible for setting up all administrative, logistical, and life support needs for the main body of participants in Exercise Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration ‘01 before they arrived in South Korea April 16.

Exercise RSO&I is held annually for the training of headquarters personnel from MarForPac in order to demonstrate U.S. and Republic of Korea warfighting capabilities. Approximately 75 Marines from MarForPac are de-

ployed throughout South Korea during the exercise.

To accommodate the deployment of participants, the coordination element had to make all necessary arrangements before the beginning of the exercise.

The coordination element was led by the Camp Commandant for the exercise, Capt. Michael Maughan, the current battalion logistics officer at MarForPac, originally from Columbia, Md., and the company gunnery sergeant Staff Sgt. Evan Luna, of La Quinta, Calif., who is also the service record book chief at MarForPac.

“Our job is to ensure that the Marines we support are billeted and fed, and that their transportation needs are taken care of,” said Luna.

Marines were tasked with setting up tent areas to accommodate the arriving participants. This included the surveying of available cots, lights, heating and overall cleanliness of the areas in

and around the tents.

“They’ve done an outstanding job,” said Luna. “They don’t hesitate to do what needs to get done.”

“They’ve all displayed a lot of initiative and enthusiasm,” added Maughan.

Marines also had to survey the areas for dining facilities, laundromats, churches, and exchange services.

One Marine was also tasked with the embarkation of all necessary equipment and the coordination of all flight schedules for the participants.

“This has been one of the greatest deployments I have been on,” said Cpl. Kelly Persich, the embarkation specialist originally from Hamilton, Ontario. “I’ve gotten a chance to get familiarized with the resources and geographic areas here. It’s a lot nicer being here on base than other places I’ve deployed to in South Korea.”

Most of the Marines in the coordination element also had to get acquainted with the surrounding areas to provide quick transportation within and outside the base for all participants.



Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

**Commandant of the Republic of Korea Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Kim Myuang Hwan, left, speaks with Marines from Marine Forces Korea during Exercise Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration 2001.**

“On base, it seems like you’re back in the states, but once you leave base you realize you’re in a different country,” said Lance Cpl. Raul Gonzalez, a duty driver for the exercise and native of Kansas City, Mo. “I volunteered to come out here because I wanted to deploy. That’s one reason I joined the Marine Corps.”

Unlike the traffic of the

U.S., the duty drivers noticed Korea was slightly more challenging on the road.

“Drivers are aggressive out here,” said Lance Cpl. Luis J. Duarte, another duty driver from MarForPac.

“If you drive aggressively, but carefully, you have no problem,” added the Pawtucket, Rhode Island, native.

In addition to fulfilling

their duties, many of the Marines said their liberty experience in Korea has also complemented their view of being deployed for RSO&I.

“You have to really be careful what you say and do here to respect the local people of Korea, but the people here treat you with great respect,” said Duarte. “It’s a very good experience being out here.”

# Marine Corps to begin production of new tactical vehicle

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**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.** — After 15 months and more than 180,000 miles of testing, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy Research Development and Acquisition has authorized full-rate production of the Marine Corps Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement. The MTRV was deemed operationally effective and operationally suitable by the Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Activity and is currently awaiting a fielding decision by Brig. Gen. James M. Feigley, commander, Marine Corps Systems Command.

For the last 20 years the Marine Corps has been using M939/M809 series trucks to transport its troops and equipment into combat. While enabling Marines to accomplish their missions, these trucks were based on 1950s-era designs and technology. Returning from Operation Desert Storm, the Marine Corps saw a need for a more mobile medium truck, capable of hauling bigger payloads, while still being transportable. The MTRV Program was the Marine Corps’ modernization answer.

The MTRV has a mission profile of 70 percent off-road and 30 percent on-road, compared to the 30 percent off-road and 70 percent on-road of the current five-ton truck. The MTRV will carry 7.1 tons cross-country and 15 tons over the highway, while towing up to 22,000 pounds, and does so faster than the current 5-ton. It comes equipped with a central tire inflation system, a 425-horsepower Caterpillar engine, and an Allison 7-speed automatic transmission, all of



Marine Corps Systems Command Photo

**The Marine Corps Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement, such as the one pictured above, will go into production once it is approved for fielding by MarCorSysCom.**

which provide the much-needed power and traction that enable the MTRV to keep pace with operating forces.

Systems Command’s Program Manager, Transportation Team, manages the MTRV program for the Marine Corps. Lt. Col. Tom Manley, the team’s program manager said, “Achieving a Milestone III full-rate production decision was truly a team effort. Our Transportation Team at Quantico, our co-managing U.S. Army Product Management Team, and contracting team out of Warren, Michigan, did a fantastic job in achieving Marine Corps program goals. They all deserve

a great deal of credit,” he added.

During the late 1990s prototypes of the MTRV were built by both Oshkosh Truck Corporation and AM General for competitive testing. In February 1999, the Marine Corps awarded Oshkosh Truck a five-year renewable contract for the MTRV.

“Our outstanding strategic partner, Oshkosh Truck Corp., is to be commended for leaning forward with the Corps and providing a superior tactical truck at a great value to the nation’s taxpayers,” said Manley.

In early 2000, MCOTEA began operational testing of the MTRV in Alaska, Twentynine Palms and Camp Pendleton, Calif. Concurrently, activities of the Product Management Team were focused on conducting developmental testing at Aberdeen Test Center, Md., and Yuma Proving Grounds, Ariz.

“We wanted to test the MTRV in realistic and rugged training environments,” said Maj. Lee Morton, MTRV’s project officer. “Marines need a medium tactical vehicle that is not limited by roads.”

The MTRV program has introduced three new logistics initiatives with Contractor Logistics Support, Interactive Electronic Technical Manuals, and operator and maintenance trainers. The goals of CLSare to establish and maintain overall logistics support for the MTRV, decrease order ship time for delivery of repair parts and secondary repairables, and reduce Marine Corps inventory requirements, and total vehicle life cycle cost.

*See VEHICLE, A-9*



# EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

## Missionary turned sniper translates humanity in East Timor

**Sgt. Eric McLeroy**  
*11th MEU Public Affairs*

**DILI, East Timor** – Sergeant Gary Jorgensen towered over the locals who crowded the worksite here. At midday, his sun-splashed face reddened and suffered the disadvantages of fair complexion, traits of his family tree whose roots gripped the soil of Denmark.

The local community leader was unaffected by the tropical sun. His skin was tan and leathery, less from age than living in a tropical setting in the South Pacific.

Jorgensen, 25, stood close to the man and listened as he explained the community’s concerns in mixed Portuguese. The Marines and Sailors from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) and Boxer Amphibious Ready Group were in Dili to transform an abandoned radio station into the Dili Community Youth Center April 9-11.

A scout sniper by trade, Jorgensen normally lurks in the shadows, observing the enemy from great distances; however, at the project site, local children and community leaders surrounded him, eager to hear him speak on behalf of the Marines and Sailors.

The unrelenting sun heated the lush, green vegetation that overwhelmed the grounds and caused thick waves of humidity to rise like smoke from a fire. He was exhausted from merely walking. He was used to the dry, dusty heat of Utah where he grew up hiking, hunting and camping.

But as he wiped the sheets of sweat from his freckled brow, he remembered the Sao Paulo, South Mission in Brazil.

Raised in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he answered his call to missionary work in Brazil in 1995, a year after high school.

His routinely squinted eyes opened wide in favor of talking about his faith rather than his many accomplishments, including the Marine Corps’ annual rifle squad

competitions.

“I felt like I was on my mission again. The only purpose I had here was to help people,” he said with an audible sigh of relief. “We weren’t an occupying or peacekeeping force. We were a group of people helping another group of people.”

For two years in Brazil, he studied and preached his faith but also committed himself to mastering one of Brazil’s native languages, Portuguese.

While there, he learned all aspects of the language including slang that allowed him to convey his personal feelings. His ability to communicate his feelings, despite their obvious chasm of differences, earned the people’s trust in Brazil and East Timor, he said.

“In Brazil, I had to enter another person’s house and convey to the residents that I was there to make their lives better. I had to develop the skills to speak (their language) comfortably in front of a person or group,” he said. “In East Timor, we had to be diplomatic and earn the chief’s trust. Being able to speak his language was a huge asset, just like in Brazil.”

Having Jorgensen at the site negated the need for a United Nations or civilian translator, and allowed the site commander, Maj. Vincent Lumalcuri, to communicate with the locals without fear that his message would be misinterpreted.

“We were self-sufficient and got to know the people and made them our friends,” Jorgensen explained. “Having a Marine able to speak the language had a lot to do with that. I think it helped us.”

Throughout the three-day construction project, Jorgensen spoke to the local leaders and laborers about the MEU(SOC)/BARG’s involvement and concern for East Timor’s successful transformation to a free country. He talked to the men over lunch and through his trademark exuberance, made a personal connection with them. But his talents weren’t limited to diplomacy.



Sgt. Eric McLeroy

**Sergeant Gary Jorgensen, 25, Oren, Utah native, Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, Battalion Landing Team 2/1, listens to a Dili community leader during 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) and Boxer Amphibious Ready Group’s community relations project to refurbish the Dili Community Youth Center in East Timor April 9-11.**

He was the conduit for professional dialogue between local engineers and Navy Seabees, a detachment assigned to United States Support Group East Timor. The community center needed electrical wires installed, and Jorgensen was there, translating between the two parties.

By the end of each day, even his thoughts were in Portuguese, he said affectionately.

“I look at it as a skill, not my number one priority, but a skill that I don’t want to lose,” Jorgensen said of being bilingual. “It was mutually beneficial for the Marine

Corps and myself. The MEU needed a translator and I could practice the language.”

Battalion Landing Team 2/1’s intelligence officer learned of Jorgensen’s language skills in the same manner as other battalions. Each unit maintains a roster of Marines who are bilingual.

This practice provides small unit commanders another asset when deployed to foreign countries on missions ranging from humanitarian assistance to reconnaissance.

For BLT 2/1, Jorgensen and Cpl. David Zinn were the only Marines who spoke Portuguese, and both

were at the project site.

When the project ended, Jorgensen returned to the ship, feeling good about what he accomplished and those he’d met. He sent an email to JaNae, his wife of two years, expressing the joy the experience had brought him.

“She was happy that we helped the people, and I was able to feel the same as when I was a missionary,” Jorgensen said. “When I saw the community center go up, I had the same feeling I had when I saw families baptized in Brazil. I haven’t been able to feel like that in a long time.”



# Key players



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr/

**Brigadier Gen. R.E. Parker, Jr., commanding general, MCB Hawaii, kneeling at center, poses with many of the more than 150 Key Volunteers aboard MCB Hawaii in the Officers' Club Lanai Room during the Key Volunteer recognition night Tuesday.**  
“Thank you, thank you, thank you,” said Brig. Gen. Parker to the Key Volunteers. “You have taken a tremendous burden off of our backs and we aboard MCB Hawaii are truly appreciative of that.”

## VEHICLE, From A-7

The IETM will revolutionize the way mechanics conduct maintenance well into the 21st century.

The IETM can be loaded on a laptop and plugged into the truck to conduct intrusive and non-intrusive diagnostics on the vehicle.

“The overall goal is to decrease maintenance time through expert trouble shooting procedures and state of the art diagnostics,” said Maj. Robert S. Reyburn, logistics officer for MTRV. “The training systems are a holistic approach to the vehicle program,” he added.

Operator simulators at Fort Leonard Wood will be used to augment driving and will be able to replicate inclement weather, night driving, convoys, cross-

country driving, etc. Operator simulators will enable motor vehicle operators to master new skills more efficiently and safely.

The maintenance trainers will have all the fidelity of real components, but with a fraction of the cost. In addition, the interactive electronic courseware will render classroom instruction more effective, with immediate feedback and remedial training for students, as needed.

Fielding of the MTRV begins this spring with the first trucks going to Blount Island Command, Jacksonville, Fla., for maritime pre-positioning ships and to Marine Corps Schools at Camp Johnson, N.C. and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. II Marine Expeditionary Force is scheduled to receive MTRVs in the fall of 2001, followed by I MEF, III MEF and the Reserves.



OLYMPICS, From A-4

gave to the athletes throughout the day.

“It makes you feel good to help out the community like this,” said Cpl. Briana Nunez, an administration clerk in the G-1 section of MarForPac. “These guys (athletes) really have a lot of heart, and they give their all the whole day.”

In addition to the muscle provided by military personnel, civilians also enjoyed the warm, sunny Saturday by volunteering for Special Olympics Hawaii.

“The more you cheer them (the athletes) on, they more excited they become,” explained Brittany Johnson, a student at Brigham Young University of Hawaii.

Johnson, who is majoring in elementary education, is required to spend at least 10 hours volunteering throughout the community. She finds that working with Special Olympics Hawaii not only is an enjoyable way to gain those necessary credits, but is also motivation for her teaching career.

“When I help students and they understand what I’m teaching, it makes me so excited,” she described. “Helping here is just like that. By cheering and encouraging them, you know you’ve helped them finish, and they feel good about themselves, too.”

# Drink up



Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

**Staff Sgt. Robert W. Dunnivant, Marine Corps integrated maintenance management system chief, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, gives his year-old daughter Alexis a drink of fruit juice at the Anderson Hall Family Night Friday. The event was intended to offer family members the opportunity to experience a meal in the mess hall.**